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SUBJECT: NEPAL'S CA ELECTION: MAOISTS PROJECTED TO WIN 40 PERCENT OF ELECTED SEATS

REF: A. KATHMANDU 422

[B.](#) KATHMANDU 416

First-Past-the-Post Election Results: Update

1. (U) As of noon local time on April 16, Nepal's Election Commission has announced the results from 216 out of 240 (90 percent) of the first-past-the-post (FPTP) races from the April 10 Constituent Assembly (CA) election. The Communist Party of Nepal - Maoist has won three of the eight contests in which winners were declared over the past 24 hours. The current standings are as follows, with numbers in parentheses noting additional wins since Ref A:

Communist Party of Nepal (Maoist) - 116 seats, 54 percent of declared total (3)

Nepali Congress (NC) - 32 seats, 15 percent (0)

Communist Party of Nepal - United Marxist Leninist (UML) - 30 seats, 14 percent (1)

Madhesi People's Rights Forum (MPRF) - 23 seats, 11 percent (2)

Other Madhesi parties - 10 seats, 5 percent (1)

Minor left parties - 3 seats, 1 percent (0)

Independent - 2 seats, 1 percent (1)

PR Results Likely Lower for Maoists

2. (SBU) International election experts told the Ambassador on April 16 that the results of the 25 percent of proportional representation (PR) ballots the Election Commission has counted track with their projections (Ref B). The parties have the following percentages of the current PR vote:

Maoists - 30 percent

UML - 23 percent

NC - 22 percent

MPRF - 4 percent

Projections for the CA

¶3. (SBU) The same experts estimate that if this trend continues, the 575 combined FPTP and PR seats in the 601-member CA would have the following distribution:

Maoists - 40 percent

NC - 20 percent

UML - 19 percent

MPRF - 6 percent

Other parties (including the so-called "royalist" parties that have not won any FPTP constituencies) - 15 percent

(Note: The new cabinet will appoint the remaining 26 CA members. End note.)

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